

Minutes of the special meeting and work session of the City of Winslow Arts Council held on November 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sarah Smithson, Chairman
Secretary
Todd Roth, Vice-Chairman
April Neill
Christa Knox
Cheri Russell (Telephonic)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sam Conner

STAFF

Roberta Cano,

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Recording Secretary offered the invocation. April moved to excuse Sam from being absent. The motion was seconded by Christa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL OF – NOVEMBER 9, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the November 9, 2015 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved by Chairman Smithson.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the public was closed, as no members of the public attended the meeting.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

Work Session, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

A. Discussion in reference to the cake decorating class possibly needing a new venue.

The Recording Secretary informed the Council that the Girl Scout House cannot be used for the Cake Decorating Class as the nights that are needed for the class conflict with a Martial Arts class that regularly books the venue. Sarah stated that she will consult with Janet Fish to see if she is willing to change the dates or utilize a new venue. Todd suggested that we consider using the Hubbell building for the class. The Recording Secretary will follow up with the Hubbell building manager, Bob Hall and see if we can use this venue for the class. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

B. Discussion in reference to the Parade of Art, Art Walk, and possible mural paintings in the City.

April stated that the Arts Council has hosted a Chalk Walk once before and it was not very well attended, but if we had better timing and advertising the event could be very successful. Christa stated that we could hold off on the Chalk Walk, and focus on offering an event featuring various artists at a nice restaurant or venue either on the first or last Friday of every month. April suggested that we look into having the event at the Quality Inn/ DJ's Restaurant as the area can accommodate several participating artists and those attendees who want to have dinner or a drink can choose to do so. Todd stated that he will talk to the owner of the Quality Inn and see if he is willing to allow the First/Last Friday event at his place of business. Sarah inquired if the event would only show one artist or several artists.

A discussion took place and it was decided that several artists could show their work on any event date offered. April moved to have the First/Last Friday event be explored for a future date. Todd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Council discussed various dates that the First/Last Friday event should start and decided that the target will begin on February 6, 2016, and it will be called The First Friday Art Expo.

A discussion began in reference to mural paintings around the City, and Christa stated that her Art Club students have been looking for a location to paint a mural in town. Sarah stated that we need to concentrate on the First Friday event and that we can postpone the mural project for a future meeting. April moved to table a discussion of the mural project for a future meeting. Christa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Further discussion in reference to a possible Women's Self- Defense Class.

Sarah stated that we need to find the professionals to teach the class, and tasked April to talk to Mark Hawley and Skeet Lasseter to see if they are willing to offer an instructional/demonstrational class for the public. The Recording Secretary will speak to Winslow PD to find an instructor to do a class on awareness and safety. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting to establish dates and location.

D. Further discussion in reference the Holiday lights/decoration contest for the public.

April stated that she will buy and donate the plaques for the winners of the Holiday Lights contest, and have the Christa's Art Club students paint them to present to the citizens who will be featured winners of the contest. A discussion took place in reference to the contest and the details involved with advertising, winners, and prizes. The Council decided that advertising will take place with the Scoop, Kino, and flyers. There will be top five winners, and the winners will receive a plaque, with the overall winner receiving a \$50 gift certificate. Todd moved to approve \$50 for a gift certificate for the overall winner of the Holiday Lights contest. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Council will meet on their regular meeting date on December 17th at a special time (6 p.m.) and the judging will take place at that time.

E. Discussion in reference to bringing back Creative Spirits in February or March of 2016.

Sarah stated that we should consider having Creative Spirits in March since the First Friday Art Expo will be featured in February. April stated that March or April will be fine to schedule the painting class as the instructor is willing to come to Winslow as long as the weather does not affect her commute. April moved to have Creative Spirits come back to Winslow for another event in the month of April. Todd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. April will make contact with Creative Spirits to establish a date in April of 2016.

F. Discussion in reference to professionalism regarding Arts Council representatives and members.

Sarah discussed the importance of being a professional member of the Arts Council during the planning stages as well as attending the event. The citizens of Winslow need to see the Council members act in a manner that will not embarrass the City of Winslow or the Arts

Council. A discussion took place in reference to the INKFEST and a picture of individuals that was posted on Facebook featuring tattoos in a special location on their bodies. The Arts Council must be conscious of their actions during the planning and execution of an event to ensure that we are always revered as a serious and professional Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 P.M., without objection.

Sarah Smithson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Roberta Cano - Recording Secretary